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SHIELDS J. P. MORGAN IN BIG SHIP SCANDAL

Lawyer Guthrie Prevents Full Story of the Sale of the Bethlehem Steel Plant from Being Made Public by Keeping an Important Letter from the Press.

Row Among the Attorneys, in Which Mr. Guthrie Angrily Accuses Mr. Untermeyer of Uttering a Falsehood—Perkins Testifies that Schwab Didn't Own Plant.

Further remarkable disclosures were made to-day in the hearing before Special Examiner Oliphant in the bondholders' suit against the United States Shipbuilding Company in the testimony of George W. Perkins, partner of J. P. Morgan, concerning the sale of the Bethlehem Steel Company to the Shipyard Trust.

The most startling revelation was that the Bethlehem Steel Plant was not really owned by Mr. Schwab, but that Mr. Schwab was used by J. P. Morgan & Co. as a dummy in selling the plant to the Shipbuilding Company. This was brought out when it was shown that the contract of sale of the Bethlehem Plant was signed not by Mr. Schwab, but by J. P. Morgan & Co.

SAYS DUMMIES HELD STOCK.

According to Mr. Untermeyer, counsel for the plaintiff bondholders, the stock of the Bethlehem Steel Company was held in the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. in the names of Mr. Schwab, his clerks and secretaries as dummies.

Another amazing fact drawn from Mr. Perkins was that, though he had never been introduced to D. Leroy Dresser, he was willing to place \$2,100,000 with trust companies to be loaned to him. And just as remarkable was the statement of Mr. Perkins that his firm was willing to accept \$5,000,000 in securities of the United States Shipbuilding Company as reward for their services without having investigated the financial standing of the company. In other words, J. P. Morgan & Co. accepted what represented a year's earnings of the trust and interest on \$7,000,000 without having the slightest knowledge of the value of the properties of the shipyard combination or their earning capacity.

When the hearing opened to-day Lawyer William D. Guthrie, counsel for the Schwab interest, made a strenuous effort to prevent the making public of the full story of the connection of J. P. Morgan & Co. with the sale of the Bethlehem Steel Plant to the United States Shipbuilding Company, which brought on a bitter argument between himself and Mr. Samuel Untermeyer in which Mr. Guthrie accused Mr. Untermeyer of uttering a deliberate falsehood.

ASKS ABOUT LETTERS.

Mr. Untermeyer, as soon as Mr. Perkins went on the stand, took up the correspondence between J. P. Morgan & Co. through the law firm of Alexander & Greene, and the Paris firm of Morgan, Hojes & Co., in which Morgan & Co. requested that the United States Shipbuilding Company receive the moral and financial support of the French banker.

Mr. Untermeyer showed to the witness a letter that had accompanied the reply of Morgan, Hojes & Co. to the cablegram from J. P. Morgan & Co. asking that a "cordial view" be taken of the defunct trust.

Mr. Guthrie made strenuous opposition to the making public of this correspondence.

"If this letter is given by you to the press," said Mr. Guthrie to Mr. Untermeyer, "I will take steps with the court to have it suppressed."

Mr. Untermeyer flared up and turned to Examiner Oliphant. "Mr. Examiner," he said, "I do not intend to submit to the dyspeptic behavior of Mr. Guthrie. This gentleman came to one of these hearings with a bundle of letters that had no bearing on the case and had not been marked for identification, and which he distributed among the press."

"That is a deliberate falsehood," exclaimed Mr. Guthrie.

Mr. Untermeyer declared the fact that the letters had been given for publication was known to the representatives of the press then present.

Mr. Guthrie retorted in his cold, dignified voice: "Mr. Examiner, this is positively indecent on the part of Mr. Untermeyer. I ask that you do not allow it continue."

"Mr. Untermeyer, go on," said Mr. Oliphant.

WANTED IT STRICKEN OUT.

Mr. Untermeyer asked then that his objections to Mr. Guthrie's remarks go on the record. Mr. Oliphant asked Mr. Guthrie if he had any reply to make. Mr. Guthrie replied sneeringly in the negative.

"Then I shall make that letter public at my convenience," said Mr. Untermeyer. Then he turned to the witness and questioned Mr. Perkins concerning the visits of John J. McCook, of the firm of Alexander & Green, counsel for the promoters of the Shipyard Trust, to the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Mr. Perkins said that when Mr. McCook had called upon him asking the assistance of J. P. Morgan & Co. toward organizing the trust, he had replied that his firm would not take hold of the matter unless they took entire charge and control of the combination.

Q. Did Col. McCook explain the reason for wanting the assistance? A. I don't think he did. I told him that we were not interested in the Shipbuilding combination.

Q. Did he not tell you of his efforts to secure the underwriting in Paris? A. It is possible that he spoke to me about that.

Q. But when Col. McCook asked you to send these cables to Paris did he not explain why he wanted them sent? A. We knew his firm was general counsel for the Shipbuilding Company and, of course, understood why he wanted the cables sent. I don't recall that he gave us any definite reason for asking for our influence in Paris.

Q. Did he say anything to you as to the properties in the combine and their values? A. Not that I remember.

Q. Did he tell you how the organization was getting along, the pro-

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LONG SHOTS IN FRONT AT NEW ORLEANS.

SLV BOOTS, AT 20 TO 1, WINS

Outsider Takes Opening Dash, While 15 to 1 Chance, Sid Silver, Follows Him Home—Little Elkins at 3 to 1.

FAIR RACING WEATHER BRINGS OUT GOOD CROWD.

Eastern Sports Flood the Betting Ring with Money on Horses Fresh from the Benning Meeting.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Sly Boots (20 to 1), Sid Silver (15 to 1), Spec 3.

SECOND RACE—Little Elkins (3 to 1), Trocadero (6 to 5), 2, Joe Dougherty 3.

THIRD RACE—Lampoon (2 to 5), Toga (3 to 1), 2, Royal Pirate 3.

RACE TRACK, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—After the rain quit falling Tuesday night the weather became cooler and a stiff breeze from the north helped dry out the track. Horses worked miles over it this morning in 1.5. Clear and cool weather prevailed for the races and the attendance was up to expectations.

FIRST RACE.

Five furlongs. Starting: white, locks. St. H. Fin. Bet. Pl. Sly Boots, 10, Wolf 2 1/2 15 15 15 15 Sid Silver, 10, Minder 3 15 21 15 3 Spec 3, 10, 15 15 15 15

The start ruined the chances of all but Sid Silver and Sly Boots. These two were off running, with the balance strung out. Sid Silver set a pace the first quarter, but he was moved up and passed him, and she came away without an effort in the run home. Sid Silver, who had never down and the latter had to stand a long, hard drive to get second money. Palmist and Athana were left at the post.

SECOND RACE.

Mile and a quarter. Starting: white, locks. St. H. Fin. Bet. Pl. Little Elkins, 10, Fisher 5 2 15 15 15 15 Joe Dougherty, 10, Calvit 4 15 21 15 3 Sid Silver, 10, Arnold 3 15 21 15 3

Start good. Won easily. Time—2:14.5. Past started out like a winner in this race. She had a lot of early speed and showed the way for the first mile. In the run home she quit and Little Elkins, steering gear broke down, made a bold bid at the turn into the home stretch, but when the final test came he weakened and Little Elkins drew away at the end and won as he pleased.

KROONLAND SAFE AT QUEENSTOWN

Red Star Liner Made Her Way to Port with Steering Gear Disabled—Tutonic Will Take Her Passengers.

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Dec. 9.—The Red Star liner Kroonland, which sailed from Antwerp for New York last night, was reported yesterday that steering gear was disabled and that she was returning here, arrived in the inner harbor of Queenstown to-day without assistance.

Her steering gear was disabled yesterday morning, but she had little difficulty in steering by means of her twin screws. The Kroonland has 900 passengers on board.

The passengers of the Kroonland will be transferred to the White Star liner steamer Tutonic, which sails from Liverpool to-day and from Queenstown tomorrow for New York.

At the offices of the American line it was said that no further particulars had been received as to the accident which compelled the Red Star steamer Kroonland to return to Queenstown. The dispatches state that the Kroonland's steering gear broke down.

SPECIAL EXTRA. LATE SCORES IN THE GREAT CYCLE RACE

The score at 6 o'clock in the bicycle race was as follows:

Contentet & Breton..	1.168 5	Leander & Butler..	1.168 5
Newkirk & Jacobson	1.168 5	Bedell Brothers...	1.168 5
Root & Dorlan.....	1.168 5	Fl. Krebs & Pet's'n	1.168 5
Bowler & Fisher....	1.168 5	Walthour & Munroe.	1.168 5
Keegan & Moran....	1.168 4	S'mson & V'nderst't	1.167 7
Gougoltz & Fr.Krebs	1.166 5	Dove & Hedspeeth..	1.155 7

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fourth Race—Dan McKenne 1, Potheen 2, Ben Chance 3.
Fifth Race—J. P. Mayberry 1, Josette 2, Bengel Bird 3.
Sixth Race—Kiwa 1, Calcutta 2, Reckless 3.

BATTLED WITH STRIKERS FOR MANY HOURS.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Dec. 9.—Sheriff Clark this afternoon hastily assembled all the deputies he could find and left for Berwind in response to a telephone message saying that a fierce battle is raging between guards and strikers. The battle started at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Both sides are entrenched.

GHERARDI, BRAVE OLD SEA FIGHTER, IS DYING.

Retired Admiral Who Did Heroic Work with Farragut at Mobile Bay Mortally Ill in Connecticut.

STRAFORD, Conn., Dec. 9.—Rear-Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, U. S. N. (retired), is dying at his home here from diabetes complicated with nephritis. His physician does not expect him to live the day out.

Rear-Admiral Bancroft Gherardi was born in Jackson, La., Nov. 10, 1832. He entered the navy as midshipman from the State of Massachusetts June 24, 1846 and served continuously until Nov. 11, 1864, when he was retired from the active list.

He served on the Ohio and in the Pacific squadron until 1852, when he entered the Naval Academy and was made passed midshipman in June of that year. In 1853 he became master and lieutenant. In July, 1862, he was made lieutenant commander and served in the engagement with Fort Macon in that year with credit to himself. In 1863-64 he commanded successfully the gunboat Chocoma and the steamer Port Royal, of the West Gulf blockading squadron.

In the latter vessel he took part in the battle of Mobile Bay and during the action, by orders of Capt. Thornton A. Jenkins, to whose vessel, the Richmond, the Port Royal was lashed, he cast off and drove away the Morgan, Gaines and Selma, rebel gunboats, and received personal compliments from the admiral in command of the fleet.

In 1866 he was made Commander and in 1874, as Captain, he commanded the European Squadron. He witnessed the bombardment of Alexandria and in 1881 he was made Commodore. In 1887 he was promoted to Rear-Admiral. Then, after two years as Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy-Yard, he took command of the North Atlantic Squadron. He was in command in the time of the civil war in Hayti and did much to restore order there. He again became Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy-Yard in 1893, retiring a year later.

AMERICAN COUNTESS IS MARRIED AGAIN

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Cora, Dowager Countess of Stafford—formerly Mrs. Samuel J. Colgate, of New York, and M. T. Kennard, a wealthy merchant of this city, who died in 1888, leaving his widow and her one daughter a handsome fortune. The widow went to London in 1889 and lived there for three years. She then returned to this city and was married to William John Byng, fourth Earl of Stafford. He was killed by falling under a train May 15, 1890.

There were circumstances about the death that pointed to suicide, but the jury rendered a verdict of "death by misadventure," evidence being given that the Countess passed most of her time abroad. She sold some of her property in this city and her country seat here in May, 1890.

When you get run down and awake perspiring, begin to take Fido's Cassinoidine.

COLOMBIA SENDS ARMY TO PANAMA

Steamer Lands Force that Is to Journey Overland While Other Bodies Are Converging on the Isthmus.

AWAIT WORD FROM REYES TO FURTHER WAR MOVE.

Special Envoy to Washington Declares News a Surprise to Him and Says He Did Not Advise Action.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 9.—The French steamer Versailles, which has arrived here from Savannah, reports that Colombian steamers have landed 1,100 men, from Cartagena, near the mouth of the Atrato River, on the Gulf of Darien, to open a way over the Darien Mountains into Panama.

Other troops from the Department of Cauca, Colombia, are said to be converging on Panama, and from all parts of Colombia troops are reported to be marching or waiting on the result of Gen. Reyes's mission to Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Dr. Herran, the Colombian Charge d'Affaires, to-day authorized the statement that if troops from Cartagena have landed near the mouth of the Atrato River, as reported by the French steamer which has arrived at La Guayra, it is directly in opposition to the advice of both himself and Gen. Reyes.

Gen. Reyes stated that the La Guayra dispatch was the first information he had received of the reported movement of Colombian troops. He declared, however, that if it is true, as stated, that such movement has taken place, it was without any orders from him.

Upon coming to Washington as the special representative of the Colombian Government, Gen. Reyes temporarily relinquished the command of the Colombian army, taking them in turn upon Gen. Castro, second in command.

Reyes confirmed the statement recently made by Admiral Coghlan in a report to the Navy Department, that prior to his departure for Washington he had given instructions to the Colombian troops to make no hostile demonstration until he was heard from, and said that these troops were now awaiting orders, which, however, would not come from him direct, but from the Government at Bogota.

Asked as to the probable length of his stay in the United States, he replied that it was indefinite. He would, he said, hold another conference with Secretary Hay in the course of the next few days.

The point on the Gulf of Darien where the Colombian troops are reported to have landed is believed to be just about on the dividing line between the territory of Panama and Colombia, and it is probable the troops will not cross the border without further instructions from Bogota, which in turn will report upon the reports made to the Colombian Government by Gen. Reyes and by the two commissioners, Jimenez and Blanco, who left Washington two days ago on their return to Cartagena.

Leit-Gen. Young, chief of staff, to-day authorized the statement that the War Department has agreed to dispatch troops to the Isthmus on short notice, should their presence be demanded. Although the statement heretofore has been denied it is learned that the department has taken notice of the reports that Colombian troops were assembling at different points with the avowed purpose of making a hostile demonstration against Panama, and has perfected all military plans to repel such an invasion.

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BATTERIES WILL BE USED ON THE FRENCH RACERS

Trainer Eck Gets Electric Appliances for Use of Contentet and Breton, the Speedy Couple from France—Team Gets Cable of Praise from Sporting Paper in Paris.

HEAVY BETTING ON THE BEDELL BROTHERS TO WIN.

Charley Heinman Backs Them Against Leander—Latter Denies Report that He Wants to Quit—Wives of Walthour and Krebs Both Confident Their Husbands Will Win.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, Dec. 9.—Electricity is to be used in the big six-day race at the Garden.

The French team, Contentet and Breton, are to be fixed up with batteries by their trainer, Tom Eck, and he says it will make the team get a lap sure.

Two batteries were brought into the Garden for the purpose this afternoon.

TWO WIVES ROOT.

Mrs. "Bobby" Walthour and Mrs. Floyd Krebs are the two women at the track whose attendance is used as a spur to the efforts of their husbands. Mrs. Walthour, who occupies a box on the Twenty-seventh street side of the track, thinks there is but on man in the race, and he gave her a name, besides diamonds and other things. "Bobby" will win," she says. "I can see but one man in the race. He couldn't help winning if he tried."

"The only ones he might have had to fear if they were not a lap behind, are Keegan and Moran. Fisher and O'Neil may be, but not Leander. I can't see where he comes in. I look for Bobby and I stay here all day. He will win sure. He told me so."

Mrs. Krebs said: "What, Walthour win? Never. Nothing to it but Krebs and then Krebs again. Look at the way he rides."

STORY GOES AROUND THAT LEANDER WANTS TO QUIT.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, Dec. 9.—"Leander is going to quit."

This was the rumor that spread like wildfire around the Garden this afternoon.

The six-day race was in a turmoil. Trainers, scribes, spectators, big Jim Kennedy and little Pat Powers rushed around in mad haste to investigate the report.

"Nothing to it," said Leander. "I never felt stronger. Am fresh as a daisy and can see nothing to stop me from winning. Quit? Well I should say not."

And Leander looked as if he meant what he said.

Praise for Frenchmen.

Tom Eck, the trainer for the foreign riders, said to-day that he considered Contentet and Breton the greatest surprise he had ever had in his career as a trainer. Contentet, he said, had never ridden more than an hour before, and was not used to long races. The showing of the team has so pleased the French sporting paper, Le Bois de Paris, that they called to Contentet and Breton to-day telling them if they win the race they will be presented with handsome gold medals and all their training expenses for this six-day race will be paid.

Munroe Has Tumble.

During the excitement of a big spurt during the afternoon Munroe, when just in front of the referee's stand, suddenly toppled backward from his wheel and fell heavily. The other riders made one lap around the track before Munroe's partner, "Bobby" Walthour, could be mounted. He remained with the bunch, while Munroe was carried by his trainers to his camp. Munroe was but slightly injured and resumed the race as soon as rested.

Leander's First Sleep.

Leander, who, with Nat Butler, are the favorites in the grind, took his first genuine sleep this morning. While he had rested a number of times, he said when he left the track that in all he had not slept an hour and a half.

"But watch me now. I'm off for the feathers," he said.

After a hot bath and a rubdown (Continued on Twelfth Page.)

ODELL'S NEXT TALK.

Coming Here to Do Some More Bow-Wowing with Platt. Gov. Odell will arrive in New York to-morrow or the next day to again confer with Senator Platt, who, according to a prominent Republican, is coming on from Washington to meet the Governor. If use Senator has decided to return to New York so soon after his last talk with Gov. Odell it will mean a radical departure from his original programme, for he announced before going back to Washington that he would not again be in New York until after adjournment or Congress for the holidays.

Senator Elberg one of the "Flat Insurgents," went to Albany to-day to meet Gov. Odell and talk over the situation. Reports have it that Odell wants Elberg for Chairman of the Republican County Committee to take the place of Mr. Linn Bruce.

A. G. McDONALD RESIGNS. Albert G. McDonald, formerly Corporation Counsel of Brooklyn and a member of the Board of Education, has resigned his membership in that body. Mayor Low to-day appointed Greenwald H. Backus, of Brooklyn, in his stead.